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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Restriction Requirement Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction requirement mailed March 9, 2010. This response is accompanied by a petition for a two month extension of time and the appropriate fee.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.